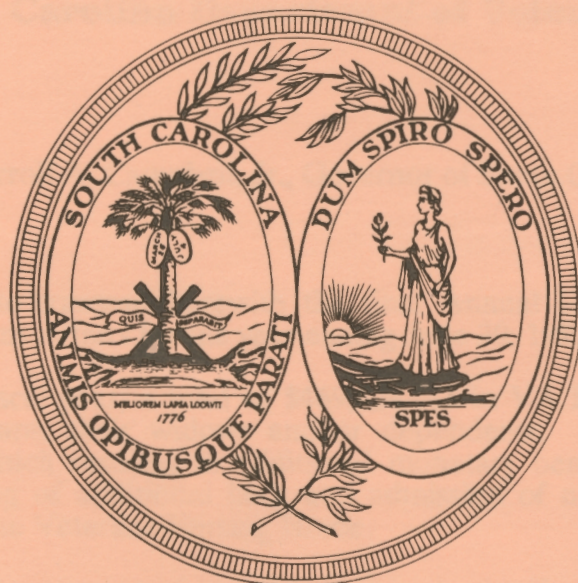


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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs

To His Excellency, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Governor of South Carolina:

Sir:

We have the honor to transmit herewith the final Annual Report of the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs for the year ending June 30, 1993.

During the 1992-93 fiscal year, a total of \$469,524,083 in VA Expenditures was received by South Carolina veterans, their widows and/or dependents. We experienced additional increases in claims which resulted in additional monetary benefits. One main contributing factor was the opening of additional beds and admission of new patients into the Richard Michael Campbell State Veterans Nursing Home.

The South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs is proud of this report and continues to serve all 380,770 veterans and their families as the new Division of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

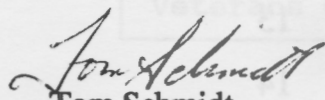

Tom Schmidt
Acting Director
Division of Veterans Affairs

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DIRECTORY OF STATE OFFICE

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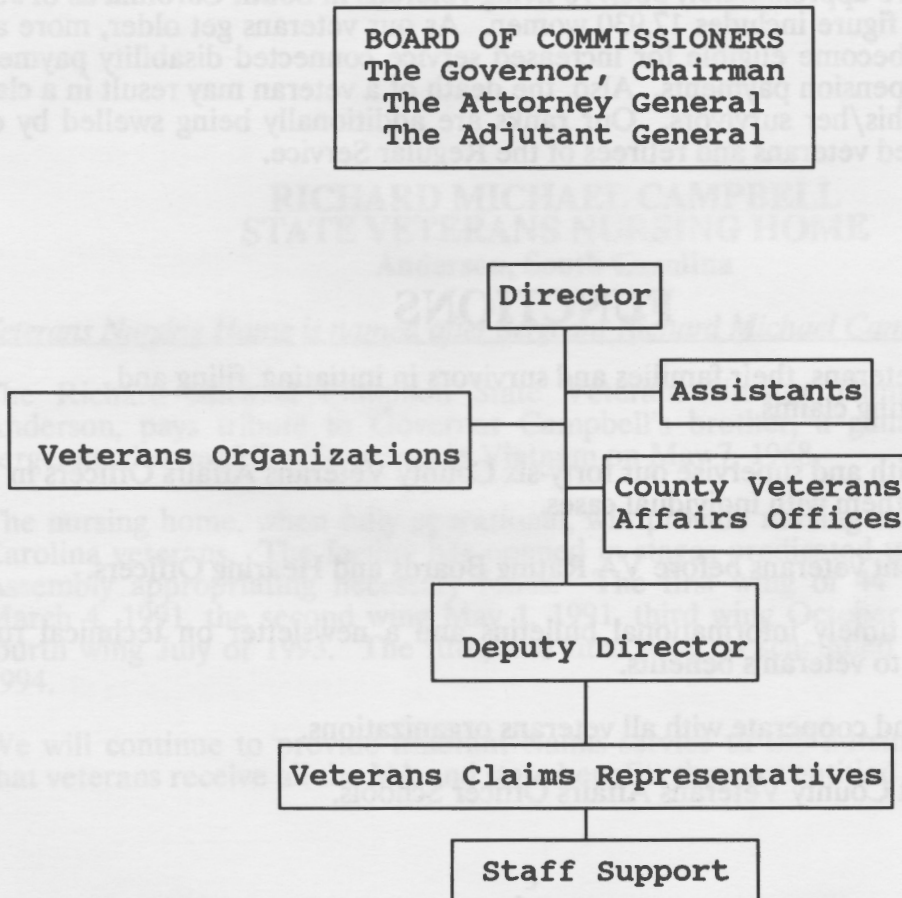
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SC DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



HISTORY and MISSION

The Department of Veterans Affairs was originally created in 1927, as the State Service Bureau, by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the purpose of "assisting all ex-servicemen, regardless of the wars in which their service was rendered, in filing, presenting and prosecuting to final determination all claims which they have for money compensation, hospitalization, training and insurance benefits under the terms of federal legislation relative thereto."

The original Act was amended in 1945 by providing for a County Service Officer (now County Veterans Affairs Officer) in each of the forty-six counties in the State and restating the purpose, as amended, "to ensure stabilization and coordination of the service work for and in behalf of the war veterans and ex-servicemen and women of South Carolina, in order that they may be guaranteed the maximum benefits granted by laws enacted by the National Congress."

The necessity for personal assistance to veterans in filing and pursuing claims and a continuing information program results from the legal principle that no veterans' benefits are awarded automatically - ALL MUST BE APPLIED FOR. The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs is not a "hand-out" agency as all claims allowed must be justified; hence, skill and knowledge in service work comes into being when we know what evidence is needed to bring about a favorable decision.

There are approximately 380,770 living veterans in South Carolina as of June 30, 1993. This figure includes 17,930 women. As our veterans get older, more and more of them become eligible for increased service connected disability payments or non-service pension payments. Also, the death of a veteran may result in a claim being filed by his/her survivors. Our ranks are additionally being swelled by our newly discharged veterans and retirees of the Regular Service.

FUNCTIONS

1. Assist veterans, their families and survivors in initiating, filing and prosecuting claims.
2. Work with and supervise our forty-six County Veterans Affairs Officers in helping them with individual cases.
3. Represent veterans before VA Rating Boards and Hearing Officers.
4. Publish timely informational bulletins and a newsletter on technical rules relating to veteran's benefits.
5. Assist and cooperate with all veterans organizations.
6. Conduct County Veterans Affairs Officer Schools.

7. Maintain complete files on all veterans whom we assist.
8. Assist other states in securing evidence needed to develop their claims.
9. Assist veterans in securing Social Security, welfare and related benefits.
10. Assist survivors and morticians in securing burial benefits.
11. Assist legislators with appropriate veterans' legislation.
12. Perform a humanitarian service in counseling disabled veterans, their widows, dependent parents and orphans in complete realization of benefits.
13. Assist veterans in filing applications for review of discharges and in obtaining disability retirement or an increase in disability retirement.
14. Assist in admitting veterans to VA hospitals and other facilities.

In addition to the above functions, our personnel must be knowledgeable in many other facets of veterans benefits such as: education/training, insurance, VA hospitalization, Civil Service Preference, military hospital treatment, PX privileges, the different types of military retirement pay, outpatient treatment, burial in national and VA cemeteries, and State legislation as it pertains to veterans.

**RICHARD MICHAEL CAMPBELL
STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME
Anderson, South Carolina**

Veterans Nursing Home is named after Sergeant Richard Michael Campbell.

The Richard Michael Campbell State Veterans Nursing Home, located near Anderson, pays tribute to Governor Campbell's brother, a gallant young Army Sergeant who was killed in action in Vietnam on May 7, 1968.

The nursing home, when fully operational, will provide nursing care for 220 South Carolina veterans. The facility has opened in stages predicated upon the General Assembly appropriating necessary funds. The first wing of 44 beds opened on March 4, 1991, the second wing May 1, 1991, third wing October of 1992 and the fourth wing July of 1993. The fifth, and final wing, is scheduled to open in early 1994.

We will continue to provide itinerant claims service to the nursing home insuring that veterans receive all the VA and state benefits they are entitled to.

VETERAN POPULATION - JUNE 1993

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>
Abbeville	2,390	Greenwood	6,280
Aiken	14,380	Hampton	1,400
Allendale	790	Horry	20,600
Anderson	16,150	Jasper	1,220
Bamberg	1,250	Kershaw	5,300
Barnwell	1,430	Lancaster	5,080
Beaufort	11,670	Laurens	6,220
Berkeley	15,890	Lee	1,100
Calhoun	1,180	Lexington	20,430
Charleston	35,680	McCormick	810
Cherokee	4,310	Marion	2,650
Chester	3,160	Marlboro	2,250
Chesterfield	3,300	Newberry	3,150
Clarendon	2,110	Oconee	7,320
Colleton	3,490	Orangeburg	7,180
Darlington	5,480	Pickens	10,000
Dillon	2,220	Richland	33,410
Dorchester	10,300	Saluda	1,330
Edgefield	1,620	Spartanburg	23,990
Fairfield	2,190	Sumter	10,470
Florence	10,860	Union	2,790
Georgetown	4,590	Williamsburg	2,190
Greenville	35,820	York	15,340
Total			380,770

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992-93

PERSONAL SERVICES

Director	\$	40,015
Classified Positions		345,310
Unclassified Positions		95,525

Total Personal Services

480,850

OPERATING EXPENSES

Contractual Services	8,606
Supplies	11,988
Fixed Charges and Contributions	28,206
Travel	7,071
Equipment	4,629

Total Operating Expenses

61,500

TOTAL AID TO SUBDIVISIONS
(Operation of County Offices)

521,529

TOTAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

119,255

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 1,183,134

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

STATISTICAL REPORT - 1992/93

Claims: Compensation, Pension, Education Insurance, Aid & Attendance, Etc.:

A.	New Claims	1313
B.	Reopened Claims	3774

Corrections to Discharge/Records 93

Hearings Conducted:

A.	Board of Veterans Appeals	282
B.	Committee on Waivers	21

Interviews and Consultations 8071

Visits to VA Hospitals, County Offices
Housebound veterans, etc. 1317

Vital Statistics Requests (out of state) 134

46 COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICES

STATISTICAL REPORT - 1992/93

Office Contacts 350,975

Communications - Received & Mailed 249,675

Miles traveled on official business 307,350

Number of visits to hospitals/nursing homes,
and house-bound veterans and widows 2,436

Claims filed - Compensation, D.I.C., pension,
Insurance, hospital treatment, burial
expense, free tuition, discharge changes,
VA home loans, eligibility verification, and
all other claims 92,906

Monetary Benefits

The following is a report of the VA Expenditures received by the State of South Carolina and the veterans and dependent survivors of deceased veterans in the State of South Carolina for the fiscal year 1992-93.

A.	COMPENSATION AND PENSION	\$266,830,714
B.	READJUSTMENT & VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	9,529,295
C.	INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES	26,643,845
D.	CONSTRUCTION & RELATED COSTS	7,127,873
E.	MEDICAL SERVICES & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	159,392,356
	TOTAL	\$469,524,083

Retroactive Benefits Paid to SC Veterans

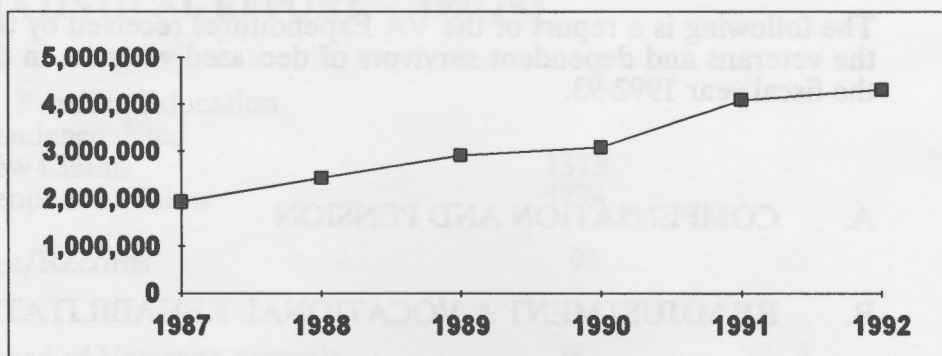
While the Monetary Benefit figures above represent the total amount received in South Carolina from the USDVA, the figures below represent amounts that our Department has been instrumental in obtaining via claims activities of this Agency. They are the direct result of favorable decisions by the USDVA and in no way encompass the total amount paid to veterans on a continuing basis.

Fiscal Year 1987-88	\$ 1,933,489
Fiscal Year 1988-89	2,441,876
Fiscal Year 1989-90	2,916,606
Fiscal Year 1990-91	3,089,402
Fiscal Year 1991-92	4,083,386
Fiscal Year 1992-93	4,320,547(an increase of 123.5% over FY 87-88)

As indicated by the above data, retro benefits have increased significantly. This increase is directly attributable to the increase in our outreach programs: the opening of 2 new offices at the VA Hospital in Charleston and the VA Hospital in Augusta. Also, the admittance of new patients as additional wings open at the State Veterans Nursing Home can be credited with more claims activities.

RETROACTIVE AWARDS SUMMARY

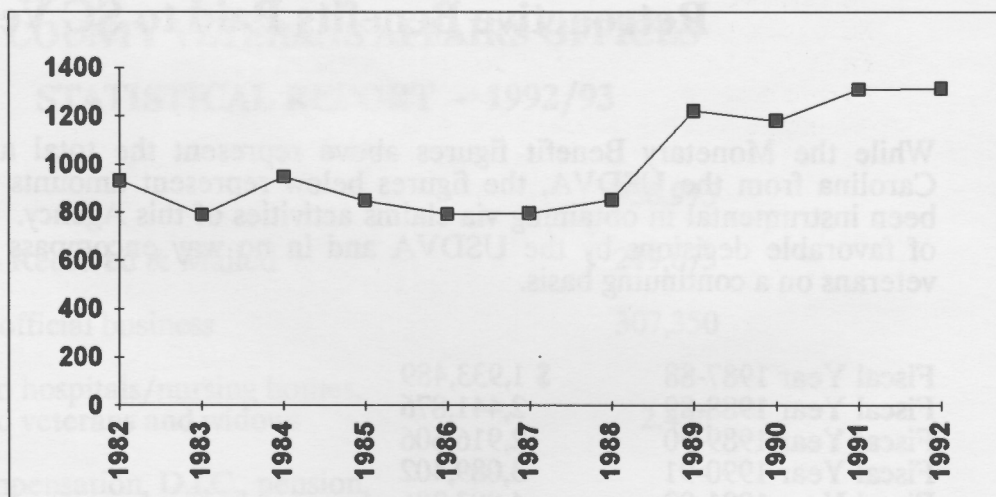
YEAR	AMOUNT
1987	1,933,489
1988	2,441,876
1989	2,916,606
1990	3,089,402
1991	4,083,386
1992	4,320,547
TOTAL	18,785,306



Retroactive benefits have more than doubled in the past 6 years. These are past due benefits paid to veterans, due in part, to the agency's efforts. They stem from mainly successful presentations of claims and appeal determinations.

NEW CLAIMS SUMMARY

YEAR	NO. CLAIMS
1982	933
1983	789
1984	949
1985	849
1986	791
1987	794
1988	854
1989	1222
1990	1181
1991	1310
1992	1313
TOTAL	10985



There has been a 47.6% increase in new claims comparing the last 4 years to the previous seven year average. 1990 was the only year that we experienced a decrease in new claims. We averaged 109 new claims per month for 1991 and 1992, and is the largest number in the last 11 years. So far in 1993, the average is even higher.

VA EXPENDITURES -- FY 1993

SOUTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Abbeville	1,955,104	Greenwood	5,281,556
Aiken	11,105,604	Hampton	1,784,339
Allendale	762,640	Horry	12,908,309
Anderson	12,266,299	Jasper	1,240,798
Bamberg	1,364,463	Kershaw	4,040,210
Barnwell	1,378,320	Lancaster	4,185,348
Beaufort	8,027,547	Laurens	4,097,407
Berkeley	10,113,209	Lee	1,300,114
Calhoun	964,553	Lexington	13,780,590
Charleston	96,799,398	McCormick	606,754
Cherokee	3,574,533	Marion	4,626,245
Chester	2,455,048	Marlboro	2,894,583
Chesterfield	2,992,235	Newberry	2,498,732
Clarendon	2,513,057	Oconee	4,770,278
Colleton	3,467,096	Orangeburg	7,041,806
Darlington	4,744,157	Pickens	7,155,732
Dillon	2,551,968	Richland	135,378,907
Dorchester	7,343,900	Saluda	1,404,654
Edgefield	1,642,678	Spartanburg	16,040,175
Fairfield	1,806,919	Sumter	10,351,144
Florence	9,759,531	Union	3,196,392
Georgetown	3,929,977	Williamsburg	2,791,109
Greenville	22,641,928	York	7,988,737

Total VA Expenditures in South Carolina \$ 469,524,083

FREE TUITION

This Agency administers the Free Tuition Program for the children of certain veterans under the provisions of Section 59-111-20 of the 1976 Code of Laws, as amended.

During the fiscal year 1992-93, 494 students received benefits from this program. Total financial benefit derived was \$907,158.

<u>Colleges & Universities</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>
University of South Carolina	\$ 2,918	83	242,194
Regional Campuses	1,784	44	78,496
Clemson University	2,582	29	74,878
Medical University of S.C.	3,390	6	20,340
Winthrop University	3,162	16	50,592
College of Charleston	2,650	23	60,950
Francis Marion Univ.	2,440	27	65,880
Lander College	2,920	8	23,360
S.C. State University	2,200	41	90,200
The Citadel	2,686	6	16,116
Sub-Total		283	723,006
<u>Technical Colleges</u>			
Aiken Technical	720	4	2,880
Beaufort Technical	916	3	2,748
Central Carolina Tech	854	4	3,416
Chesterfield-Marlboro Tech	700	4	2,800
Denmark Technical	650	3	1,950
Florence-Darlington Tech	1000	15	15,000
Greenville Technical	906	43	38,958
Horry-Georgetown Tech	914	5	4,570
Midlands Technical	990	44	43,560
Orangeburg/Calhoun Tech	800	9	7,200
Piedmont Technical	980	7	6,860
Spartanburg Technical	750	9	6,750
TriCounty Technical	750	17	12,750
Trident Technical	810	35	28,350
Williamsburg Technical	600	1	600
York Technical	720	8	5,760
Sub-Total		211	184,152
GRAND TOTAL		494	\$907,158*

*Cost cannot be obtained by multiplying tuition by number of students as some students are not full time.

LEGISLATION

1993 REGULAR SESSION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

With the close of the 1993 regular session of the General Assembly, the following veteran-related Bills were signed by the Governor:

Act No. 151

An Act to amend Section 59-111-20, *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, relating to free tuition for certain veterans' children, so as to require that the veteran was a wartime veteran, to delete the eighteen-year residency requirement of the veteran, and to apply the free tuition to a student who is under twenty-six years of age who also meets the residency requirements of educational purposes and is pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Act No. 176

An Act to amend Sections 56-3-1850 and 56-3-1870, *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, relating to the Medal of Honor license plates, so as to provide that the license plate may be issued and transferred to a leased vehicle; and to amend Section 12-37-220, as amended, relating to exemption for Ad Valorem taxes, so as to provide that a leased vehicle with a Medal of Honor license plate is exempt from Ad Valorem taxation.

Directory of County Offices

<u>County</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
Abbeville	Robert B. Lander	P.O. Box 652 Abbeville, SC 29620	459-2608
Aiken	Steven H. Lott	828 Richland Ave. West Aiken, SC 29801	642-1545
Allendale	George Kearse	P.O. Box 521 Allendale, SC 29810	584-4226
Anderson	Terril D. Landers	Anderson County Office Bldg 107 S. Main St., Suite 102 Anderson, SC 29621	260-4036
Bamberg	B. Monroe Hiers	109 North Street P.O. Box 416 Bamberg, SC 29003	245-2494
Barnwell	David Northrop	County Courthouse, Room 108 Barnwell, SC 29812	541-1057
Beaufort	William W. Grant	Human Resources Bldg. P.O. Box 1228 1909 Duke Street, Ste. 205 Beaufort, SC 29902	525-7448
Berkeley	Clarence P. McGee	223 N. Live Oak Drive Moncks Corner, SC 29461	761-6900 Ext. 4023
Calhoun	Robert C. Weaver	Courthouse Annex, Room 119 117 Liberty Street St. Matthews, SC 29135	874-3816
Charleston	Thomas R. Johnson, Sr	15 Hutson Street, Room 322 Charleston, SC 29403-6442	724-6721
Cherokee	Boyd L. McLean	Peachtree Centre 1434 N. Limestone St. Gaffney, SC 29340	487-2579
Chester	Judy C. McWaters	War Memorial Bldg. P.O. Box 580 Chester, SC 29706	385-6157
Chesterfield	Pam Mills	105 N. Page St. Chesterfield, SC 29709	623-2482

Clarendon	Harold L. DuPree	County Courthouse, Room 203 P.O. Box 548 Manning, SC 29102	435-2527
Colleton	James H. Platt	Agriculture Bldg. Benson St. P.O. Box 637 Walterboro, SC 29488	549-1412
Darlington	Boyd W. Curry	County Courthouse Darlington, SC 29532	398-4130
Dillon	George M. Pullie	City-Cty. Complex, Room 302 P.O. Box 493 Dillon, SC 29536	774-1427
Dorchester	William A. Adams	County Courthouse 101 Ridge St. P.O. Box 661 St. George, SC 29477	563-0116
Edgefield	Betty H. Sexton	400 Church St. P.O.B. 236 Edgefield, SC 29824	637-4012
Fairfield	John P. Glass	120 Eighth Street P.O. Box 456 Winnsboro, SC 29180	635-4131
Florence	Ted L. Maxwell, Jr.	City-County Complex Room 701 Box T, City-County Complex Florence, SC 29501	665-3045
Georgetown	Betty J. Georges	County Courthouse P.O. Box 306 Georgetown, SC 29442	527-8101
Greenville	J.R. Dryman	Greenville County Square Suite 1500 Greenville, SC 29601-3660	467-7230
Greenwood	Lewis E. Pinson	600 Monument St., Room 100 Box P-115, Park Plaza Greenwood, SC 29646	942-8530
Hampton	Betty Hodges	201 Lee Ave., Room 102 Hampton, SC 29924	943-7533
Horry	Roger G. Hucks	Horry County Courthouse P.O. Box 385 Conway, SC 29526	248-1291

Directory of County Offices

Jasper	LeRoy E. Blackshear	County Courthouse 305 Russell Street P.O. Box 1536 Ridgeland, SC 29936	726-7727
Kershaw	Billy W. Bell	1104 1/2 Church St. Camden, SC 29020	425-1521
Lancaster	George Rollings	208 West Gay Street P.O. Box 1809 Lancaster, SC 29720	283-2469
Laurens	Barney J. Blackwell	Church St. Office Complex P.O. Box 193 Laurens, SC 29360	984-4041
Lee	John B. Houser, Jr.	105 Courthouse Square P.O. Box 461 Bishopville, SC 29010	484-5129
Lexington	George W. LeRoy	Memorial Building 219 East Main St. Lexington, SC 29072	359-8400
McCormick	T.C. Faulkner, Jr.	County Courthouse P.O. Box 247 McCormick, SC	465-2212
Marion	Eloise W. Rogers	100 West Court St. P.O. Box 519 Marion, SC 29571	423-8255
Marlboro	James L. Allen	County Courthouse P.O. Box 401 Bennettsville, SC 29512	479-5622
Newberry	Allen W. Morrison	1306 Hunt Street P.O. Box 217 Newberry, SC 29108	321-2161
Oconee	Jerry Dyar	77 Short Street Walhalla, SC 29691	638-4231
Orangeburg	John E. Rivers	437 Amelia St, Rm. 203 P.O. Box 9000 Orangeburg, SC 29116-9000	533-6156
Pickens	C. Carl Pilgrim	Old County Health Bldg. Pendleton & Cedar Rock Sts. P.O. Box 451 Pickens, SC 29671	898-5926

Richland	David N. Denton	1701 Main St. Suite 409 P.O. Box 192 Columbia, SC 29202	748-4662
Saluda	C.R. "Buck" Davis	American Legion Bldg. 124 South Rudolph St. P.O. Box 307 Saluda, SC 29138	445-8848
Spartanburg	M.O. Sanders, Jr.	Evans Resource Center Room 314 142 South Dean Street Spartanburg, SC 29302	596-2553
Sumter	Virginia B. Reynolds	City-County Office Bldg. Sumter, SC 29150	436-2302
Union	I.G. Vanderford	County Courthouse Union, SC 29379	429-1605
Williamsburg	Gusta Ger Ganes	147 West Main Street P.O. Box 565 Kingstree, SC 29556	354-6352
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